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January 30, 2017

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Lori Scialabba
Acting Director
U.S. Department of Homeland Security
U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services
Office of the Director
Washington, D.C. 20529-2000

Dear Director Scialabba,

It has come to my attention that some of my constituents with visas and some with Lawful Permanent Resident (LPR) status may be detained or denied entry into the United States at La Guardia Airport, John F. Kennedy International Airport, Boston Logan International Airport, and Bradley International Airport, as a result of the Executive Order issued by President Trump on January 27, 2016.

The 3rd Congressional District of Connecticut is home to several institutions that educate, employ, and collaborate with dual citizens and lawful residents from Somalia, Yemen, Iran, Iraq, Libya, Sudan, and Syria. For example, Yale University ophthalmology resident and green card holder Tarek Alasil was held en route to Boston International Airport from the Bahamas due to his Syrian passport. In order to assist my constituents and better understand the implementation of this Executive Order and the scope of issues affecting my constituents, I would like to request the following information from USCIS:

Any and all guidance, directives, and/or policies from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) regarding the implementation of Executive Order "Protecting the Nation from Terrorist Entry into the United States by Foreign Nationals" and how it is being interpreted and implemented on current visa holders seeking entry into the United States, visa applicants, LPRs, dual citizens, United States citizens and to any other individuals from the seven designated countries in the Executive Order applying for or renewing any of the immigration benefits listed above or any other immigration benefit.

Understanding the implementation of this Executive Order and the scope of the pressing issues affecting my constituents will help my office identify ways to assist them.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Rosa L. DeLauro
Member of Congress

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Kevin McAleenan
Acting Commissioner, CBP
1300 Pennsylvania Ave. NW
Washington, DC 20229

Dear Acting Commissioner McAleenan:

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I also request that you release these individuals immediately from CBP custody and allow attorneys into the secondary processing area to permit access to counsel for these individuals.

Thank you for your urgent consideration.

Sincerely,

Rosa L. DeLauro
Member of Congress